

IN THE CLAIMS

Independent claims 15-17, 20, 29-30 and 32 are pending.

Please add new claims 33 and 34 as follows.

33. (New) A protective drywall fitting for covering the joint formed between a pair of drywall panels formed by respective bodies having the opposite sides covered by drywall cover paper having adjacent outwardly facing marginal surfaces and comprising:

an elongated, relatively rigid core for positioning in covering relationship over the joint seam and including at least one longitudinal edge;

a relatively flexible paper cover configured to cover such marginal surfaces of the drywall cover paper and project beyond the said edge thereof to form a flexible longitudinal projecting flap; and

said flap including elongated lengthwise groove and ridges formed on the interior surface for receipt of such joint compound in such grooves to cooperate to, when such joint compound is cured, cooperate in anchoring such device to such drywall panels.

34. (New) A tape or drywall finishing bead including:

an elongated rigid core formed along its opposite sides with longitudinal edges;

a paper having an underside covering the rigid core and projecting laterally outwardly from the opposite side thereof to form laterally projecting flexible flaps;

a bond bonding the paper covering to the core; and

the flaps being formed on at least their underside with longitudinal, parallel, alternating ridges and grooves for receipt of joint compound to form complementary mirror images of the ridges of grooves so that upon curing the respective grooves and ridges of such flaps trap such flaps mechanically in such compound.

35. (New) The method of claim 33 wherein:

the paper is constructed of fibers and strengthening compound mixed together at the time of manufacture.

36. (New) The method of claim 35 wherein:

the strengthening compound encapsulates the fibers.